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- Meeting Agenda -

Delta Science Program Event

Bay-Delta Biological Goals Scientific Advisory Panel

March 4, 2019 – 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. PST

Coastal Hearing Room – CalEPA Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812-2815

As a courtesy, the meeting will be broadcast live at <https://video.calepa.ca.gov>. Opportunity for oral public comments will be provided at the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted in advance of the meeting and must be received by February 25, 2019. Public comments received through these mechanisms may not receive a response during the meeting.

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AGENDA

Order of agenda items and listed times are subject to change

Monday, March 4, 2019 – (9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. PST)

Morning Session – 9:30 a.m.

9:30 – 9:45 a.m. Welcome Remarks – John Callaway and Rachael Klopfenstein (Delta Science Program)

9:45 – 9:55 a.m. Opening Remarks – Matt Holland (State Water Resources Control Board)

"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."

– CA Water Code §85054

- 9:55 – 10:35 a.m. Introduction and Ecosystem Structure and Function Panel Presentation – Cliff Dahm and Wim Kimmerer
- 10:35 – 11:05 a.m. Other Native Fishes Panel Presentation – Si Simenstad and Peter Moyle
- 11:05 – 11:20 a.m. Break
- 11:20 – 12:00 p.m. Salmonids and Conclusion Panel Presentation – Josh Korman and Greg Ruggerone

Lunch – 12:00 p.m.

Afternoon Session – 1:00 p.m.

- 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. State Water Resources Control Board Staff Comments on Draft Report – Matt Holland and Erin Foresman
- 1:30 – 1:50 p.m. The Bay Institute, Trout Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy Technical Presentation
- 1:50 – 2:05 p.m. State Water Contractors Technical Presentation
- 2:05 – 3:30 p.m. General Presenter/Advisory Panel Discussion
- 3:30 – 3:45 p.m. Break
- 3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Concluding Remarks
- 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Public Comment Period

Adjourn – 4:30 p.m.

PURPOSE

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is in the process of developing and implementing updates to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan) for the reasonable protection of native fish and wildlife, including anadromous and estuarine fish and other aquatic species populations. As part of this process, biological goals are proposed to be developed for assessing the effectiveness of implementation actions in achieving protection of fish and wildlife in order to inform adaptive management and other implementation actions for the Bay-Delta Plan updates.

The biological goals are proposed to be quantitative targets that can be used to assess both the status and trends of representative native fish communities and the functionality of ecosystem processes in the Bay-Delta and its watershed in supporting native aquatic species. State Water Board staff have requested assistance from an Independent Scientific Advisory Panel (Panel) convened by the Delta

Science Program to inform the development of the biological goals. The Panel is not expected to create the biological goals themselves; rather, the Panel is requested to provide input and recommendations to the State Water Board on the methods or approaches that should be used to formulate biological goals. The charge to the Panel is available at: <http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/public-meetings>. Additional information about the State Water Board's update to the Bay-Delta Plan is available at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/.

During this public meeting, the Panel will present its draft written recommendations to the State Water Board staff for employing scientifically defensible methods for formulating biological goals. Public agencies and interested members of the public may request the opportunity to make technical presentations that provide substantive, scientifically-based recommendations for formulating biological goals, in response to the Charge to the Panel, time permitting and with approval from the Delta Science Program Lead Scientist. The deadline to arrange for a technical presentation was February 18, 2019.

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- To submit written public comments or if you have any questions, please contact Rachael Klopfenstein at (916) 445-5088 or Rachael.Klopfenstein@deltacouncil.ca.gov.
 - Members of the public are encouraged to visit the Delta Science Program [website](#) for the meeting materials. A limited number of copies of these materials will be available at the meeting.
 - Reasonable time limits may be established for public comments (Government Code Sections 11125.7).
 - A quorum of members of the State Water Board may be present at any time during the workshop.